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To be brief: too much valuable time and energy have been spent on a case whose outcome thus far benefits competitors and lawyers in a society that claims to value the competitive process. It sets a most dangerous precedent of intrusion and influence on the conduct of ordinary business affairs. Realizing that the damage done cannot be undone it is imperative to move on with a compromise solution . The States AGs are presumably free to continue to espouse their position leaving one to hope they will come to recognize its past time to bring a sorry event to an imperfect closure. No comment could be more telling than the foreign press who stand in amazement at the huge contradiction this trial represents and who also wonder at processes that aim to destroy an economic crown jewel. Thank you for the opportunity to express this view.